

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A piezoelectric lighter, comprising: The lighter according to claim 15,

a flame-generation device comprised of a first mechanism for releasing a jet of gas and a piezoelectric second mechanism configured to generate a spark; and

two actuators,

wherein at least a first of said two actuators is configured to move independently of a second of said two actuators,

wherein said first actuator is configured to make only a pivoting movement responsive to a force applied by a user between a first resting position and a second active position in which said first actuator is adapted to act on at least said first of said first and said second mechanisms,

wherein said second actuator is configured to make only the pivoting movement responsive to the force applied by said user between the first resting position and the second active

position in which said second actuator is adapted to act on said second mechanism,

wherein each of said first and second actuators comprise a cap at a longitudinal end of said lighter configured to be subjected to the force applied by said user and arranged such that the two caps are situated side by side,

wherein the two caps have bearing surfaces presented to ~~the said~~ user ~~which are~~ arranged at different levels along ~~the a~~ longitudinal direction of the lighter, ~~the a second~~ bearing surface of the second cap being arranged at a second level below ~~than that a first level~~ of ~~the a first~~ bearing surface of the first cap, and

wherein said flame-generation device is configured to generate a flame externally of the lighter upon a pivoting of said first and second actuators.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A piezoelectric lighter, comprising: ~~The lighter according to claim 19,~~

a flame-generation device comprised of a first mechanism for releasing a jet of gas and a piezoelectric second mechanism configured to generate a spark; and  
two actuators,

wherein at least a first of said two actuators is configured to move independently of a second of said two actuators,

wherein said first actuator is configured to make only a pivoting movement responsive to a force applied by a user between a first resting position and a second active position in which said first actuator is adapted to act on at least said first of said first and said second mechanisms,

wherein said second actuator is configured to make only the pivoting movement responsive to the force applied by said user between the first resting position and the second active position in which said second actuator is adapted to act on said second mechanism,

wherein said flame-generation device is configured to generate a flame externally of the lighter upon a pivoting of said first and second actuators, and

wherein said second actuator, when in the first resting position, covers a region of the lighter in which the flame is generated when both mechanisms are activated

wherein the actuator covering the region of the lighter in which a flame is generated is the second actuator.

21. (currently amended) A piezoelectric lighter, comprising: The lighter according to claim 12,

a flame-generation device comprised of a first mechanism for releasing a jet of gas and a piezoelectric second mechanism configured to generate a spark; and

two actuators,

wherein at least a first of said two actuators is configured to move independently of a second of said two actuators,

wherein said first actuator is configured to make only a pivoting movement responsive to a force applied by a user between a first resting position and a second active position in which said first actuator is adapted to act on at least said first of said first and said second mechanisms,

wherein said second actuator is configured to make only the pivoting movement responsive to the force applied by said user between the first resting position and the second active position in which said second actuator is adapted to act on said second mechanism,

wherein said flame-generation device is configured to generate a flame externally of the lighter upon a pivoting of said first and second actuators, and

wherein the first actuator is adapted to act on both the said first and second mechanisms and to generate a flame, and the second actuator, in [[a]] the first resting position, covering covers a region of the lighter in which the flame is generated, thus preventing the latter flame from propagating

externally of the lighter when the second actuator has not pivoted.

22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A piezoelectric lighter comprising:

    a flame-generation device comprising a first mechanism for releasing a jet of gas, and a piezoelectric mechanism for generating a spark;

    a first and second actuator, each pivotably movable, at least one of said first and second actuator being adapted to pivotably move independently of the pivoting motion of the other actuator;

    at least one of said first and second actuator capable of acting on one or both mechanisms;

    wherein the first and second actuator, the gas release jet mechanism, and the piezoelectric mechanism are interconnected so that the piezoelectric mechanism produces a flame external to the lighter only upon the pivotable motion of both the first and second actuator.

24. (new) The lighter according to claim 18, wherein the second actuator is configured to, upon being displaced under the action of a force applied by the user, drive the first

actuator through a pivoting movement along a given path, the first and second actuator being situated one behind the other on said given path.

25. (new) The lighter according to claim 20, wherein the second actuator is configured to, upon being displaced under the action of the force applied by the user, drive the first actuator through a pivoting movement along a given path, the first and second actuators being situated one behind the other on said given path.

26. (new) The lighter according to claim 21, wherein the second actuator is configured to, upon being displaced under the action of the force applied by the user, drive the first actuator through a pivoting movement along a given path, the first and second actuators being situated one behind the other on said given path.

27. (new) The lighter according to claim 23, wherein the second actuator is configured to, upon being displaced under the action of the force applied by the user, drive the first actuator through a pivoting movement along a given path, the first and second actuators being situated one behind the other on said given path.

28. (new) The lighter according to claim 20, wherein each of said first and second actuators comprise a cap at a longitudinal end of said lighter configured to be subjected to the force applied by said user and arranged such that the two caps are situated side by side.

29. (new) The lighter according to claim 28, wherein the cap of the second actuator comprises at least one portion which penetrates into a region of the cap of the first actuator such that the force applied by said user in the region drives the two caps through the pivoting movement.

30. (new) The lighter according to claim 29, wherein the penetrating portion of the cap of the second actuator has a bearing surface which is not smooth.

31. (new) The lighter according to claim 21, wherein each of said first and second actuators comprise a cap at a longitudinal end of said lighter configured to be subjected to the force applied by said user and arranged such that the two caps are situated side by side.

32. (new) The lighter according to claim 31, wherein the cap of the second actuator comprises at least one portion which penetrates into a region of the cap of the first actuator

such that the force applied by said user in the region drives the two caps through the pivoting movement.

33. (new) The lighter according to claim 32, wherein the penetrating portion of the cap of the second actuator has a bearing surface which is not smooth.

34. (new) The lighter according to claim 23, wherein each of said first and second actuators comprise a cap at a longitudinal end of said lighter configured to be subjected to the force applied by said user and arranged such that the two caps are situated side by side.

35. (new) The lighter according to claim 34, wherein the cap of the second actuator comprises at least one portion which penetrates into a region of the cap of the first actuator such that the force applied by said user in the region drives the two caps through the pivoting movement.

36. (new) The lighter according to claim 35, wherein the penetrating portion of the cap of the second actuator has a bearing surface which is not smooth.